

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner rejects Claims 15-28, 30, 31, 33, 34, 44-52, 58-62, 69, 74, 79 and 84 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. In particular, the Examiner objects to the elements and connections recited in the claims.

Applicants are amending independent Claims 15 and 22 (and those claims dependent thereon) to recite -- at least one electric current controlling element -- instead of “at least one switching element” as previously recited in the claims. This language is clearly supported by the specification. For example, page 7, lns. 22-23, recite an “electric current controlling TFT” while page 10, lns. 22 et seq. discusses the other elements recited in Claims 15 and 22, and Fig. 2 shows these elements. Hence, this amendment places independent Claims 15 and 22 and dependent Claims 16-28, 30, 31, 33, 34, 44, 45, 51, 52, 69, 74, 79, 84 in an allowable condition. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered and the claims allowed.

The Examiner also rejects Claims 46-50 and 58-62 under 35 USC §112. In order to advance the prosecution of this application, these claims have been canceled herein.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are in an allowable form. Therefore, it is requested that this rejection be withdrawn, and the claims allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102, §103

The Examiner also rejects Claims 11-14, 29, 32, 43 and 64 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Hamada and rejects Claim 63 under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Hamada in view of Kojima. In order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants have canceled Claims 11-14, 29, 32, 43, 63 and 64, rendering these rejections moot.

Entry of Amendment

As this amendment is placing this application in a condition for allowance, it is requested that it now be entered.

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In the Final Rejection, the Examiner has again marked on Applicants' 1449 Form that a number of references were "not provided." Applicants believe that these references have twice been submitted but appear to have been lost. Accordingly, Applicants are providing a new copy of each of these references with the enclosed IDS and a new 1449 form. As these references have already been previously submitted, it is requested that they be examined. If any fee is due for this IDS, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

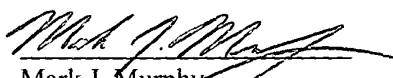
Conclusion

For at least the above-stated reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any further fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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Marked-up copy of the claims as amended:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Cancel Claims 11-14.

15. (Twice Amended) A self-light-emitting device comprising:

at least one [switching] electric current controlling element;

at least one interlayer insulating film formed over said [switching] electric current controlling element;

a contact hole opened in said interlayer insulating film;

a pixel electrode formed over said interlayer insulating film and electrically connected to said [switching] electric current controlling element through said contact hole;

an insulating layer comprising an organic resin formed on a portion of said pixel electrode in said contact hole;

a light emitting layer formed over said pixel electrode and said insulating layer; and

a second electrode formed over said light emitting layer.

16. (Twice Amended) The self-light-emitting device according to claim 15 wherein said [switching] electric current controlling element comprises a thin film transistor.

17. (Twice Amended) The self-light-emitting device according to claim 15 wherein said [switching] electric current controlling element comprises a transistor formed within a silicon substrate.

22. (Twice Amended) A self-light-emitting device comprising:

at least first and second [switching] electric current controlling elements;

at least one interlayer insulating film formed over said first and second [switching] electric current controlling elements;

at least first and second pixel electrodes formed over said interlayer insulating film wherein said first and second pixel electrodes are electrically connected to said first and second [switching] electric current controlling elements, respectively;

an insulating layer formed in a gap between said first and second pixel electrodes;

a light emitting layer formed over said first and second pixel electrodes and said insulating layer; and

a third electrode formed over said light emitting layer opposed to said first and second pixel electrodes.

23. (Twice Amended) The self-light-emitting device according to claim 22 wherein said [switching] electric current controlling element comprises a thin film transistor.

24. (Twice Amended) The self-light-emitting device according to claim 22 wherein said [switching] electric current controlling element comprises a transistor formed within a silicon substrate.

Cancel Claims 29, 32, 43, 46-50, and 58-63.